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BIOASSAYS FOR DETECTION )  
OF ANTIGENS )  
CHARACTERISTIC OF )  
BACTERIA THAT ARE )  
CAUSATIVE OF EAR AND )  
RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS )  
TO ELIMINATE FALSE )  
POSITIVE RESULTS CAUSED )  
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